

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Divine Worship. 9:30am

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TRINITY EIGHT

August 11, 2019

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

Psalm: 1 (Pg. 123)

Prayers: 61 (Pg. 108); **62** (Pg. 108).

Organist: Mr. Walter Priebe

HYMNS: 444 261 447 785

PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 444 - "Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You"

THE ORDER OF MORNING SERVICE

(TLH Pg.5ff.)

The Invocation... The Confession of Sins... Absolution, -- "Amen."

The Introit... The Gloria Patri (Pg. 6) ...The Kyrie (Pg. 7).

**God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save
That all who would in Him believe Should everlasting life receive.**

**Be of good cheer, for God's own Son Forgives all sins which thou hast
done; Thou'rt justified by Jesus' blood, Thy Baptism grants the highest
good.**

**If thou be sick, if death draw near, This truth thy troubled heart can
cheer: Christ Jesus saves my soul from death, That is the firmest ground
of faith.**

**Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To Thee, O blessed Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!**

The Salutation (Pg. 9) ...The Collect -- "Amen."

CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor James Albrecht has returned the call of Prince of Peace Lutheran in Loveland, CO • Pastor Andrew Schaller has returned the call of Bethel Lutheran Church in Morris, MN • Pastor Tim Daub has agreed to serve the pastoral vacancy at Bethel Lutheran in Morris, MN, from July 22nd to the end of September based on a mutual agreement between the voters of Bethel (Morris) and Prince of Peace (Hecla). Faith Lutheran of Markesan, WI, has called Teacher Karl Olmanson to serve as principal and upper grade teacher.

THE CALL TO BETHEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN, MORRIS MN

After careful consideration, Pastor Schaller has informed the President of Bethel Evangelical Lutheran in Morris, MN, of his intention to return the call to serve as pastor at Bethel. Thanks to everyone who took the time to speak to me about the work here in Marquette, because it is all about serving the Lord Jesus. I am convinced that my ministry here at Calvary is not complete and look forward to serving you.

Missions/Cooperative Budget Plan Pledge 2019	
<i>The Cooperative Budget Plan (CBP) is a pledge established by the Voters of Calvary to participate in the work of the Church of the Lutheran Confession. The amount given to 'Missions' on your church envelope goes to this pledge. In the event that our offerings fall short of our pledge, the difference will be taken from the Calvary General Fund. In the event that our offerings exceed our pledge, additional funds will be placed in the General Fund.</i>	
Amount Pledged 2019	Amount Received as of 8/4/19
\$7000.00	\$5272.00 (-1728.00)

CLCI SEMINARY STUDENT SPONSORSHIP - \$40/MO		
NOVEMBER GOAL	RECEIVED 8/4	DECEMBER GOAL
\$10.00	\$25.00	\$25.00

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – Calvary Offerings 8/4/19				
General Fund	Loose Offerings	Missions (CBP)	ILC Student Aid	Spokesman
\$970.00	\$60.85	\$260.00	\$100.00	\$36.00
CLCI Sem Student	Copier Refund			
\$25.00	\$323.55			
Offerings Total: \$1775.40				

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READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS; AUGUST 12-18, 2019

Monday - Psalm 119:111-128 We know ourselves almost as well as God knows us, so we calibrate our lives to match God's compass, beseeching Him to deal with us in mercy—which is contrary to what we deserve (124), and to seat us up front in His classroom. We pay close attention to His lesson plan, for we know that God wants to keep us safe from stupid mistakes. I want to *incline my heart to perform Your statutes forever, to the very end.* Amen!

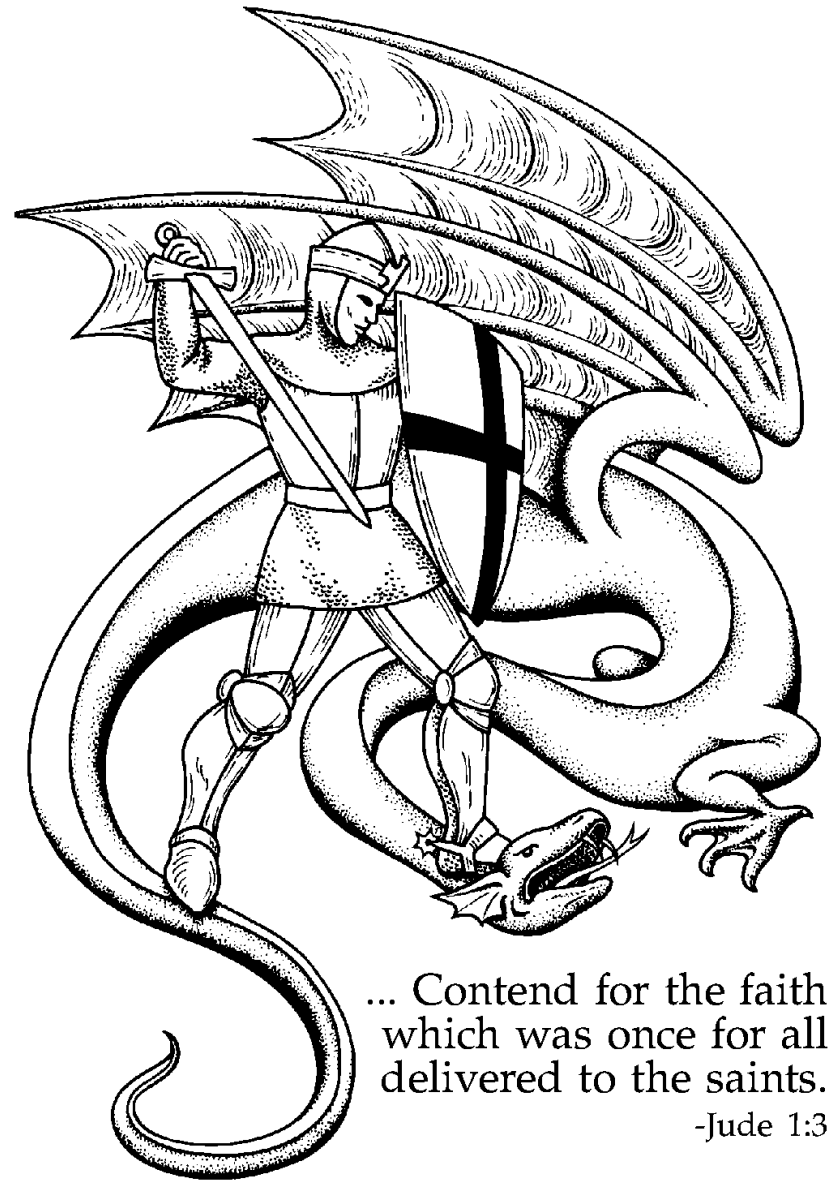
Tuesday - Matthew 5:33-37 When a person swears "By God"—he means that God should back him up—usually in deceiving or cheating. If he thinks he is bullet-proof, the egomaniac might swear on his own head. But nobody is bullet-proof. "Criss-cross my heart and hope to die" was a grade-school oath taken by liars, and we caught on. We learned to stand by our "Yes" or our "No" and avoid playing the angles—as liars were adept at doing.

Wednesday - 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1 And we steer clear of entanglements with those who practice/promote ungodliness. Not so simple in our day when religious trash has infected every denomination (including Lutherans), and the Devil is poking around to find our own weak spot. How long can we (our little church body) hold out? Let us *cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, and let us put into practice our reverence for our God and Savior.*

Thursday - Jeremiah 2:4-17 Why is God concerned that we do not forget the past? Because His miracles of grace are woven into the past. Ancient Israel lost its way because they forsook His artesian well bubbling up with His pure water, and instead they dug their own cisterns to collect run-off, and even those cisterns were cracked. Same story with denominations that call themselves "Christian" but are cracked and don't hold God's water of life.

Friday - Matthew 26:69-75 Peter felt like a traitor for forsaking Jesus when He was arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane, and that's why he acted as traitors do—taking God's name in vain (72), besides cursing (to prove he was not a Christian?) and swearing (on a stack of Bibles?) that he didn't recognize Jesus of Nazareth. What a mess he was making of his life! Lord, have mercy!

Saturday - Colossians 2:18-23 Fakery in religious circles has many formulas. False humility is one of them; it's a shabby cover-up for an opulent lifestyle; we are not so easily deceived. Not holding fast to the Head, Jesus, is less visible, for it's an infection of the soul, a virus that destroys from the inside. Another bad germ is subjecting oneself and others to dietary restrictions in the name of religion. Inventing human doctrines is also popular. All of these are counterfeits, flummery, and degrading of God's religion centered on Jesus. From these preserve us, dear Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.



... Contend for the faith
which was once for all
delivered to the saints.

-Jude 1:3

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Trinity Eight..... August 11, 2019

SERMON:**JUDE**

[The Sermon Text this morning is the Epistle Lesson as printed.]

JUDE: "FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT"

WATCH OUT FOR AND RECOGNIZE FALSE TEACHING!

REMEMBER THE WORD, STRENGTHEN FAITH, STAY IN GOD'S MERCY

HAVE MERCY ON THOSE WHO STUMBLE ON THE WAY

THE OFFERINGS OF THANKFUL HEARTS**THE OFFERING HYMN:**

(TLH 442:1-2)

Lord of Glory, who hast bought us With Thy life-blood as the price,
 Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice;
 And with that hast freely given Blessings countless as the sand
 To the unthankful and the evil With Thine own unsparing hand;

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee Gladly, freely, of Thine own;
 With the sunshine of Thy goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone
 Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by Thee, at length believe
 That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.

PRAYER(S)...THE LORD'S PRAYER**HYMN: 447** – *"Fight the Good Fight with all Thy Might"***THE COLLECT:** Pastor**CONGREGATION:** (Sung) "Amen."**THE BENEDICTION:** Pastor**CONGREGATION:** (Sung) "Amen, Amen, Amen."**CLOSING HYMN: 785** – *"Children of the Heavenly Father"***ANNOUNCEMENTS**

August 11, 2019

THIS WEEK**Sunday:** *Worship 9:30am***KINSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

As overseas mission opportunities continue to grow, so does the need for U.S. sponsors. Can you help? The CLC KINSHIP Committee is seeking sponsors for a group called "Myanmar Children's Assistance" as well as seminary students at the new Wartburg Theological Seminary of Tanzania. Please contact Dan Roehl (507-381-2042) or danroehl@hotmail.com) for more information regarding these sponsorships.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:**PSALM 119:9-24****ב Beth**

⁹How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word. ¹⁰With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments! ¹¹Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You. ¹²Blessed *are* You, O LORD! Teach me Your statutes. ¹³With my lips I have declared All the judgments of Your mouth. ¹⁴I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, *As much as* in all riches. ¹⁵I will meditate on Your precepts, And contemplate Your ways. ¹⁶I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.

ג Gimel

¹⁷Deal bountifully with Your servant, *That* I may live and keep Your word. ¹⁸Open my eyes, that I may see Wondrous things from Your law. ¹⁹I *am* a stranger in the earth; Do not hide Your commandments from me. ²⁰My soul breaks with longing For Your judgments at all times. ²¹You rebuke the proud—the cursed, Who stray from Your commandments. ²²Remove from me reproach and contempt, For I have kept Your testimonies. ²³Princes also sit *and* speak against me, *But* Your servant meditates on Your statutes. ²⁴Your testimonies also *are* my delight *And* my counselors. *

EPISTLE LESSON:**JUDE**

¹Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, To those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ:

²Mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.

³Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. ⁴For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. ⁶And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; ⁷as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

⁸ Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries. ⁹ Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!" ¹⁰ But these speak evil of whatever they do not know; and whatever they know naturally, like brute beasts, in these things they corrupt themselves. ¹¹ Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.

¹² These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving *only* themselves. *They are* clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots; ¹³ raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.

¹⁴ Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, ¹⁵ to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."

¹⁶ These are grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts; and they mouth great swelling *words*, flattering people to gain advantage. ¹⁷ But you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ: ¹⁸ how they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts. ¹⁹ These are sensual persons, who cause divisions, not having the Spirit.

²⁰ But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹ keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

²² And on some have compassion, making a distinction; ²³ but others save with fear, pulling *them* out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.

²⁴ Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present *you* faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, ²⁵ To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen. *

THE GRADUAL -- (A Prayer for the Sunday read responsively)

Pastor: Be my Strong Rock, O Lord;

Congregation: Be the house of defense and save me. Hallelujah!

P: In You, O Lord, I put my trust;

C: Let me never be ashamed! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: Give ear, O My People to My Words;

C: Listen to the Words of my mouth! Hallelujah!

(Sung) Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

"Glory be to Thee, O Lord!"

GOSPEL LESSON:

MATTHEW 7:15-27

[cf. also Luke 6:43-45]

¹⁵ "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶ You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor *can* a bad tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

[cf. also Luke 6:46]

²¹ "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. ²² Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' ²³ And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

[cf. also Luke 6:47-49]

²⁴ "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: ²⁵ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

²⁶ "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: ²⁷ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall." *

"Praise be to Thee, O Christ!"

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

APOSTLES CREED (PG. 12)

HYMN: 261 – "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word"

JUDE

NAME:

Who was Jude? The author of this brief letter simply calls himself 'Jude, the brother of James.'

There are some who believe:

1. Jude is a shortened form of Judas, and that this man was 'Judas the brother of James.'
2. Jude was one of the Apostles, Judas the son of James (Luke 6:16). But it seems clear that Jude was not an Apostle (Jude 17). He also calls himself the 'brother' of James, not the 'son of James'. There are those who believe that the James mentioned in Jude is the James that wrote the Epistle of James.
3. However, most believe that Jude was probably a half-brother of Jesus (that is, the son of Mary and Joseph Matthew 13:55; Mark 6:3; Jesus Himself was not the son of Mary and Joseph, but was conceived by the Holy Spirit without the aid of Joseph, cf. Matthew 1:20) and that his brother James is also James the Just; a church leader in Jerusalem. Those who dispute this point out that during the time of Jesus' earthly ministry His brothers did not believe on him (John 7:5). On the other hand, it seems possible that some did later believe on him and may have been missionaries (cf. 1 Corinthians 9:5). However, we cannot be certain about the identity of Jude.

AUTHOR:

While we aren't sure exactly who wrote this letter, we do know the author of this book is God.

TO WHOM WAS THE LETTER WRITTEN?

The letter of Jude is not addressed specifically to persons in any city or location, but to 'those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ.' Now most think that Jude also wrote to the Churches in Asia Minor – and this is why Jude is so similar to 2 Peter. This letter was used early and often by Christians in the first century who were concerned about confronting false doctrine and 'contending for the faith.'

TIME

It is thought that Jude was written in or previous to the year 70AD. This is mainly because there is no mention of the most catastrophic event of the first century in the eyes of the Jews – the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans.

PURPOSE

It appears that some from within these congregations were saying that it was o.k. to live lives of sin (especially sexual sin) because Christ had redeemed them. These men were, it seems, encouraging them to 'sin because they were under grace.' Jude writes to tell them that this is a lie, and that those who continue in sin publicly without repentance will finally be given over to judgment – not eternal life. We are redeemed from sin so that we strive to avoid it – not continue in it without remorse. The Apostle Paul also deals with this problem in Romans 6:1-4.

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- I. Greetings and Introduction.
- II. Warnings against False Teachers.
- III. Admonition concerning False Teachers
- IV. Doxology.

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